

House Resolution No. 381

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of buildings, structures, or areas that illuminate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, serving as a focus in the fight against abandoning and destroying an area's historical, social, and educational significance, Kimberly Williams-Evans and Brian Owen will receive a prestigious Preserve Missouri Award from Missouri Preservation (the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation) at a special recognition ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 27, 2008; and

Whereas, the families of Kimberly Williams-Evans and Brian Owen have earned the Preserve Missouri Award in light of their renovation of the Michael S. Gleason House in Saint Joseph, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Michael S. Gleason House was threatened with demolition and listed on the 2006 Endangered Properties list of the city of Saint Joseph's Landmark Commission when Kimberly Williams-Evans and Brian Owen purchased the 1886 structure and decided to rehabilitate the two-story, four-bay brick Italianate townhouse; and

Whereas, the house was originally built by Michael Gleason, who was a co-owner of the Gleason and Pike Saloon, a stock trader, and a Saint Joseph city engineering inspector; and

Whereas, Kimberly Williams-Evans and Brian Owen had the windows stripped, repaired, reglazed, and remounted; masonry repointed; damaged plaster repaired; the leaky roof replaced; floors repaired and restored; the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems updated; and modern baths and a gourmet kitchen installed; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation was founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust to protect Missouri's irreplaceable historic resources by instilling a statewide preservation ethic through the "Missouri Preservation News", a web site, and partnership with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Natural Resources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Kimberly Williams-Evans and Brian Owen and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon their receipt of a well-deserved Missouri Preservation Preserve Missouri Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Kimberly Williams-Evans and Brian Owen of Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Wildberger
District No. 27

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 381, adopted February 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker